

Title II, Part B Math Science Partnerships (MSP): Integrating Practices and Content in Mathematics and Science

Statement of Assurances

GENERAL ASSURANCES

In accordance with Section 14306(a) of ESEA, the LEA assures the Rhode Island Department of Education that this single set of assurances applicable to each program for which a plan is submitted provides that:

- a) program funds will be used only to supplement and, to the extent practical, increase the level of funds that would, in the absence of the Federal funds, be made available from non-Federal (State and local) sources for the education of participating students. In no case, may an LEA use Federal program funds to supplant funds from non-Federal sources;
- b) unless and until these requirements are waived, the applicant will continue to comply with all operational requirements of each program. Each program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
- c)
 - (1) the control of funds provided under each covered program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency or in a nonprofit private agency, institution, organization, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to such entities; and
 - (2) the public agency, nonprofit private agency, institution or organization will administer such funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing statutes;
- d) the applicant will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program including:
 - (1) the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations and recipients responsible for carrying out each program; and
 - (2) the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring or evaluation;
- e) the applicant will cooperate in carrying out any evaluations of each program conducted by or for the State Educational Agency, the Secretary of Education, or other Federal officials;
- f) the applicant will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting of, Federal funds paid to such applicant under each such program;
- g) the applicant will:
 - (1) make reports to the State Educational Agency and the Secretary of Education as may be necessary to enable such agency and the Secretary to perform their duties under each such program;

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- (2) maintain such records, provide such information, and afford access to the records as the SEA or the Secretary may find necessary to carry out the SEA's or the Secretary's duties; and
- h) before the application was submitted, the applicant afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and has considered such comment.

CIVIL RIGHTS ASSURANCES

All recipients of assistance under this grant shall comply with the following Federal and State civil rights statutes and regulations:

- (a) 42 USC, Sections 1981 and 1983 (...acts prohibited on the basis of race);
- (b) Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (...acts prohibited on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin);
- (c) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 United States Code 1681 et. Seq. (acts prohibited on the basis of sex);
- (d) 42 USC, Section 1601 et eq. (...acts prohibited on the basis of age);
- (e) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 20 USC 794 (...acts prohibited on the basis of handicap);
- (f) 24 USC, Section 12100 et seq. [The Americans with Disabilities Act] (...acts prohibited on the basis of disability);
- (g) Section 16-38-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (discrimination because of race or age);
- (h) Section 16-38-1.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (discrimination because of sex);
- (i) Chapter 42-87 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (Civil Rights of Individuals with Handicaps); and
- (j) Sections 28-5.1-13 and 28-5.1-14 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (Private education institutions - compliance with state policy of non-discrimination and affirmative action).

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

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This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirement stated at Section 85.110.

Certification:

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.